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Of the Fifty-eigth Annual Session of the Big Bear Creek Baptist Association, held with Newsom Sprins Church Saturday, before the second Sabbath in October Eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

The annual sermon was delivered by Elder W. T. Summers, text, 1st Peter, 1st chapter, 1st and 5th verses. Closing prayer by J. S. Gipson, after which the Association took a recess for refreshments and recreation, also to pertake of a hearty repast, in the way of good things spread before us by the good people of Newsom Springs church and vicinity.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

The Association met at 1 o'clock for business, with Elder F. M. Jackson, former Moderator, in the chair. Elder J. W. Jones, former clerk at the desk. After prayer the Moderator appointed three reading clerks as follow, Elders Jos. Shackelford, J. S. Gipson and O. E. Comstock, Sr.

Letters were called for from the various churches, read, received and delegates names enrolled as follows:

BETHSAIDA—James Isbell, T. E. Fore and John Heaps,
PLEASANT HILL—J. A. King and J. T. Pounders,
MOUNT ZION—Elder B. H. James,
NEW FRIENDSHIP—W. J. Bragwell, J. T. Dillard and G. W. Hargett.
CHEROKEE—Elder W. M. Whitlock, J. H. Caster, W. B. Hutchins,
EBENEZER—W. L. Goodwin and W. C. Pace.
VALLEY GROVE—Henry Berry and H. Gargis,
MOUNT PISGAH—David Hamilton and E. M. Miller,
SPRING HILL—Thomas Watson, V. S. Sherrel and James Owens,
CEDAR CREEK—William Carroll and W. S. Strickland,
SHILOH—A. P. Bolding and Elder B. G. Harding,
HARMONY—Rev. J. S. Stockton, J. T. Bolding and Louis Mitchell.

NEWSOM SPRINGS—E. M. Taylor, B. P. Malone J. H. Denton and G. D. Daily,
BURLESON—Elder J. W. Jones, J. D. Thorn and Brice Ledbetter,
RIVERTON—William Hurd, James Hurd and George Spencer,
PILGRIM REST—F. Bradford, J. D. Bullington and J. M. Whitlock,
CANE CREEK—Elder J. M. Douthitt, N. R. E. Johnson and J. P. Franks,
LITTLE BEAR CREEK—L. L. Daily, F. O. Johnson and G. B. Smallwood,
EVENING SHADE, No. 1—N. B. Allison, J. W. Rickard and W. P. Hester,
CROOKED OAK—Elder F. M. Jackson, T. M. Johnson and Rit. Grisholm.
DUNCAN CREEK—Rev. W. A. Agee, J. W. Cook and Rev. W. L. Andrews,
BETHEL—C. H. B. Simpson and Joseph Daugherty.

After which the Association went into permanent organization by election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder W. M. Whitlock, as Moderator, and Elder J. W. Jones, Clerk. The Moderator elect, thanked the brethren for their confidence in him; he then called for petitionary letters, one was received from Tharp Springs, with delegate, Ed. Stout.

The former rules of business adopted.

The following brethren were gladly received as correspondents:

MUSCLE SHOALS ASSOCIATION—Elders J. S. Gipson, Mike Finney, Joseph Shackelford, A. J. Preston, A. E. Burns, O. E. Comstock, Sr., and Judge A. L. Moody.

FLORENCE ASSOCIATION—Rev. C. E. Yates.

COMMITTEES.

On devotion, delegates of Newsom Springs church and the Pastor, also brethren W. J. Bragwell and T. E. Fore.

EDUCATION—W. A. Agee, J. T. Dillard and J. T. Bolding,
DOCUMENTS—L. L. Daily, N. B. Allison and B. H. James,
DESTITUTION—J. S. Stockton, M. L. Jones and J. T. Bolding,
FINANCE—J. W. Cook, T. M. Johnson and F. M. Jackson.
PUBLICATION—N. R. E. Johnson, J. D. Heaps and C. H. B. Simpson.
MISSION—J. S. Stockton, J. M. Whitlock and W. C. Summers.
SABBATH SCHOOLS—F. M. Jackson, C. E. Yates and H. R. Berry.
TEMPERANCE—J. M. Douthitt, A. E. Burns, and Elder A. J. Preston.
STATE OF RELIGION—W. C. Summers, B. G. Hardin and Louis Mitchell.

REPORT ON DEVOTION.

Elder J. S. Stockton to fill the stand at night. Also Sabbath-

school Mass meeting Sunday morning conducted by J. Shackelford, J. S. Gipson, to fill the stand at 11 o'clock Sunday—A. J Preston at 2 o'clock with map lecture.

The Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The seats were carried to the grove and properly arranged, the people began to gather from every direction at 9:30. Rev. Joseph Shackelford opened service by reading the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy and prayer by Elder C. E. Yates, after which Rev. J. Shackelford made an interesting and very impressive talk upon the responsibility of parents in regard to training up their children. Also O. E. Comstock, A. E. Burns and A. J. Preston made an impressive Sabbath-school talk, after which we had five minutes intermission At 11 o'clock we came together by singing. Rev. J. S. Gipson eached an able and interesting discourse, from the 11th Chapter of 1st Corinthians and 2nd Verse. "Now I praise you brethren that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you. After which, we had an intermission until 2 o'clock and pertook of a hearty repast spread before a large concourse of people, by Newsom Springs Church and vicinity,

AFTER NOON.

At 2 o'clock the people was ably entertained by Elder A. J. Preston's, lecture on Missions from a map of the world placed before them, and a canvass followed by A. E. Burns, after which a collection was taken up, the result was $6.58 cents collected.

SECOND DAY SESSION.

Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock, met persuant to adjournment, after singing, and prayer by Elder J. W. Jones, the body went into the dispatch of business. Detained letters called for, one from Bethelham Church received, and delegates name, J. T. Chenault enrolled. Brother M. J. Pace was received as a delegate without letter from

Salem Church. J. A. O. Pace received as a corresponding delegate from Muscle Shoals Association.

REPORT OF DESTITUTION.

We your Committee on Destitution beg leave to make the following report. By looking over our Association we see there still remains several points that are destitute, that could be occupied to some propfit to the Association, these points have been pointed out so often that the board is familiar with them, we think the best plan that we could suggest to the board, to have these places occupied, would be for the Board of this Association to work in concert with our State Board and employ one Missionary, to labor in the bounds of our Association. Respectfully submitted.

J. S. STOCKTON Chmn.

Called for report on missions was read received and discussed, by Elder's J. S. Stockton, A. E. Burns, A. J. Preston, Mike Finney, Joseph Shackelford, W. C. Summers and O. E. Comstock.

REPORT OF MISSIONS.

Dear brethren we desire to call your attention, first, to what has been done, second, to what remains to be done and third, the means of its accomplishment. 1. What has been done by our foreign mission board? We learn from the latest report that we have 92 missionaries, 78 native assistants, 185 stations, 75 churches, 2,923 members. Last year there were 383 baptisms and our board received $155 937.23, the object of this board is to evangelize the world. 2. By the home board 368 missionaries have been employed, who have baptized 5,111, and received into the church 9.604. Receipts of the board for last year $106.989.58 cents. The object of this board is to assist in having the gospel preached in the Southern States, the Indian Territory and Cuba. 3. By the State Board many men have been employed for a whole or part of their time, about $12.000 were expended in assisting weak churches and sustaining the gospel in destitute places.

II. What remains to be done? There are yet many millions of heathens to be converted, or to be lost. They are dying at the rate of 100,000 per day. They are crying for the bread of Life. Come over and help us? Will we heed the call? There is also much destitution in our own Sunny South Land. Indians are calling for the bread of Life, and many others are lost without the Gospel. Even here in our own State there is much destitution. May the Lord help us to take this State, and the World for Christ and the Baptists.

III. The means of accomplishing it we must begin at home

(Jerusalem,) and then extend our work throughout the State (Judea,) then throughout the Southern States (Samaria,) and then to the uttermost parts of the Earth (All Heathen Lands.)

We could perhaps do our home work best by putting an Evangelist into the field, whose duty it shall be to distribute literature and preach the Gospel among the churches as well as in destitute places. We would further suggest that we co-opperate with the existing agencies for the furtherance of the Gospel in our midst and throughout the world. * Adopted. ELDER J. S STOCKTON.

On motion adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSSION.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Brethren this is a subject of great importance and we do not think there can be too much said upon this great subject, yet, we believe our people in North Alabama, are aroused as never before, they see the great importance of education of the rising generation. Webster said: "Knowledge was Power," Solomon said: "Wisdom was Power," so we think to qualify our sons and daughters for this fast age of ours with knowledge and wisdom, we can look for a prosperous nation, and when we leave these mundane shores of time, we can feel that we have left the Church and State in safe hands with the mind stored with wisdom and knowledge; the Lord God be honored in all things. We are proud to hear of the progress of the High School at Danville. also, our school at Pleasant Site, and we hope our brethren will aid and support our High School at Danville, all of which we respectfully submit. W. A. AGEE, Chm n.

Also the report of the Board of Trustees of the High School at Danville was read, and the importance of education discussed by Joseph Shackelford, Mike Finney and A. L. Moody. A collection was taken up to supply the necessary school equipments for the benefit of the pupils, which resulted in receiving $75.00 in subscription to be paid in legal installments to-wit: One fourth, January 1, 1894, one-fourth, in July 1894, one-fourth in January 1895, and July 1895, the balance.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NORTH ALABAMA BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AND NORMAL SCHOOL, TO THE BIG BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Dear brethren:

The Board of Trustees of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Instltute and Normal School beg leave to submit this their first annual report to your body. The Board held its first session at

*The report of Missions and Destitution discussed at the same time by the brethren.

Decatur, Alabama, in November last, and organized temporarily, electing Judge A. L. Moody, of Colbert county, President, and Rev. Joseph Shackelford, of Morgan county, Secretary. A Charter for the school was prepared and agreed upon, and a committee appointed to secure its passage by the Legislature of Alabama. It was also agreed that the school should open in the Fall of 1893. The Board then adjourned to meet in May 1893. The second meeting of the Board took place at Danville, in June 1893, the May meeting having been postponed. At this meeting the property donated by the citizens of Danville and vicinity, was received by the Board, with a deed to the property, which consists of a two acre lot of land, upon which is erected two large two story buildings containing fourteen rooms all of which is adapted for school purposes. There were some of the considerations which were not fully complied with by the citizens of Danville, such as furnishing desks and etc., but the Board accepted the property and subscriptions and notes which were unpaid, with the hope that something be realized from them. Their subscriptions and notes amounted to something over $150. As they are collected the means will be appropriated to the purchase of desks and other things needed about the buildings. At this meeting the Committee having charge of this matter, reported that a Charter for the school had been obtained from the Legislature at its last session, under the name of the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School, giving full power to the Trustees and Teachers of the same to grant Diplomas to its graduates. The Board elected a Faculty for the school consisting of the following :

President—Rev. Joseph Shackelford.

Professor of English and Natural Sciences—John C. Tidwell.

Professor of Mathematics, Latin and French—Henry T. Lile.

Principal of Primary and Preparatory Department—Miss Madgie Henderson.

Teacher of Art—Miss Gleen Orr.

Teacher of Music—Miss Anna C. Shackelford.

The Board has contracted no debt in the employment of the Teachers, they are to depend upon the patronage of the school for their salaries. The Board also appointed a Local Board to take special charge of the school.

The school commenced its first session the 28th of August last. The attendance was not so large as we expected and desired, yet, under all the circumstances considering the financial depression, we are hopeful that our numbers will be greatly increased until we shall reach an enrollment of one hundred during the present session, we have now enrolled about fifty-one.

The Board organized permanently by electing R. T. Whitman, of Huntsville, Alabama, President and Judge W. H. Simpson, of Decatur, Alabama, Secretary and Dr. J. M. Richens, of Danville, Alabama, Treasurer.

We suggest to the Association the appointment of Trustees to fill the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of the time of service of those appointed for one year.

Your Board would earnestly beg the Association to rally around this Institution, which it has assisted in creating. The property which the good citizens of Danville and vicinity have given for school purposes is your property, it is your school, you can help make it a great blessing to the Baptist Denomination of Alabama and to the people generally. There are two things needed to make this school a success. The first is students. Give us the students and we will educate them. From the six thousand Baptists of the three Associations which have created this school, we ought to get at least three hundred pupils. Shall we have them ? We have the buildings, and we have the teachers, now give us the pupils, and we will make you a school of which you will be proud. The second thing we need is money to purchase such equipments for the school as will make us equal with other Institutions of like grade. We need at least $1.000 now or within a short time. The Board makes the following suggestions to your body : Of the $1.000 we think the Baptists of Big Bear Creek Association ought to contribute $250. We propose to raise the $1.000 on the following plan : Those who subscribe to this fund will be asked to pay one-fourth of their subscription on the 1st of January 1894, one-fourth on 1st of July 1894, one-fourth on 1st of January 1895, one-fourth on 1st of July 1895. Surely with these easy payments we can raise the amount for which we ask. We trust your body will take this matter into consideration, and allow our President to make an effort to raise a part of the amount apportioned to your Association at this session, and that you will also appoint an agent in each church to assist in raising the amount, and to work for students for the school. Let us know no such word as fail in this enterprise, but let us make an earnest effort to build up an Institution of learning that will be an honor to the Baptists of North Alabama, and a blessing to the people.

The Board desires to say, that young men preparing for the ministry, or ministers who wish to better prepare themselves for their work, are received free of tuition, when they come recommended by their churches, and the State Board of Ministerial Education, or the Ministerial Board of any Association. The sons and daughters of ministers regularly engaged in ministerial work are charged half price.

Trusting that you will take such steps as in your wisdom seem best to promote the prosperity of your school. We remain your servants. Done by order of Board. W. H. SIMPSON, Sec'y.

Danville, Ala., Sept. 14, 1893.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

We your Committee on Finance report the following: Collected for minutes $20.85 cents. Submitted, J. M. COOKE, Chmn.

After prayer adjourned to meet Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

Met persuant to adjournment, prayer by Elder M. Finney. The Association went into business; a motion to supplement the minute fund by collection, which was discussed by J. S. Stockton, O. E. Comstock, J. M. Douthitt, and was lost. By motion the body ordered 400 minutes printed.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We your Committee on Sabbath-schools make the following report: Beleiving as we do, that a Sabbath-school is of great advantage to a church and a community, in the way of improving it in morals and a higher state of religion, and from the report of letters of the churches we think Sabbath-school work has increased greatly from last year. Respectfully submitted,

ELDER F. M. JACKSON Chmn.

The Sabbath-school question was discussed ably, by Elder C. E. Yates, J. S. Stockton, J. W. Jones, J. M. Douthitt W. A. Agee, J. S. Gipson, and J. T. Bolding. Adopted.

STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your Committee on State of Religion make the following report: We think the religious condition of our Association is on rising grounds. Where the Gospel has been preached, it has been attended by the Spirit of God in the conviction and conversion of many precious souls, and a great in gathering has been the result; which should encourage all of our churches and preachers to go forth in the work with greater zeal. Respectfully submitted,

Adopted. REV. W. C. SUMMERS, Chmn.

DOCUMENTS.

The Committee on Documents made the following report: We find on examining the Church Letters, that there has been baptized 111. Ten churches report Sunday-schools with 29 teachers; 192 pupils in attendance. We find the total membership of the Associationis 1,639, also three Prayer Meetings. And pastors salaries very short. Two churches ask for the Association to-wit: Burleson and new Friendship.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. DAILY, Chrmn.

PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publication, make the following report: First of all publications, the Holy Bible; next as helps, the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn., also literature published by the National Baptist Publishing Company, of St. Louis, Mo. As to journals, the Alabama Baptist published at Montgomery, the American Baptist, published by Rev. D. B. Ray, of St. Louis, Mo., Foreign Missions, Richmond, Virginia; Mission Quarterly, Marion, Alabama; Home Field, Atlanta, Georgia. Baptist Standard, published in Texas and Texas Baptist also.

Respectfully submitted,

N. R. E. JOHNSON.

TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance make the following report: The cause of Temperance is a national curse. Alcohol is the inventor of crime, the destroyer of both body and soul, it cuts down youth in its vigor, manhood in its strength, age in its weakness. Alcohol burns up men and women, destroyes life curses God and despises Heaven. Whiskey poisons morals wipes out national honors, curses the world and laûghs at the calamity and sin it has wrought. It is the source of all violence, the father of all crime, the mother of abominations, the Devil's best friend and God's worst enemy. Brother we as God's. dear children should use every effort to put down this great evil, and we appeal to all of our churches to put it down in their midst, and especially make it an offense against the church that he is a member of if any man that belongs to church goes into a saloon and drinks.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. DOUTHITT, Chmn.

A profound interest was felt and manifested in the remarks made by Rev. O. E. Comstock, Sr., in his reading and commenting on an article on alcoholic drinks, and in the address of Rev. J. S. Stockton

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: That the Moderator and Delegates of this Associa-

tion together with the corresponding delegates from other Associations express their heart-felt thanks to the members of the Baptist Church at Newsom Springs, and members of other denominations and citizens of the surrounding country, for the royal manner in which they have entertained this body and the kind treatment received at their hands while in their midst. Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. S. GIPSON.

Resolved: That this Association raise $200.00 by cash and pledges for the support of missionaries in our bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. S. STOCKTON.

Resolved: That this body allow the Clerk of this Association ten dollars for his service, and that he have 400 copies of the minutes printed. Respectfully,

ELDER W. A. AGEE.

On motion: Brother J. S. Gipson was requested to have the sermon delivered by him on Sunday at 11 o'clock; published in the American Baptist of St. Louis, Mo. Resolutions and motion adopted.

Motion to adjourn until 1 o'clock. Adopted.

AFTER NOON SESSION.

Resolved: That this Association allow Elder J. M. Douthitt the amount incurred by him in going to Decatur, Ala., to associate with the Committee on High Schools. Submitted,

W. M. WHITLOCK.

The above was allowed brother J. M. Douthitt and paid. Amount $2.58.

REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

Missionary work done by me, I was engaged twenty days, traveled about two hundred miles; sermons delivered, thirteen; engaged in several revivals; witnessed several conversions.

ELDER W. C. SUMMERS.

I was engaged thirteen days; sermons delivered, nine; families visited, five; Submitted.

ELDER M. L. JONES.

I was engaged fifteen days; sermons delivered, eighteen; families visited, ten; miles travelled, one hundred. ELDER J. S. STOCKTON.

Missionary work by me, engaged in actual service ten days; delivered ten sermons. Respectfully submitted,

ELDER W. A. AGEE.

I was engaged twenty days; actual service rendered; preached sixteen sermons; delivered eighteen exhortations; witnessed eighteen conversions. Respectfully submitted,

ELDER J. W. JONES.

I labored in the field assigned me, twenty-one days; sermons twenty-seven; exhortations thirty; visits thirty-six; miles traveled one-hundred and sixty; held one protracted meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. DOUTHITT.

Commenced mission work the 1st of September; days twenty; sermons preached seventeen; miles traveled ninety-five; witnessed several conversions; baptized two. Submitted,

F. M. JACKSON.

I was engaged in the field assigned me twenty-five days; preached seventeen sermons; delivered seventeen exhortations; baptized two; miles traveled forty-five. Submitted,

W. M. WHITLOCK.

I was engaged thirteen days; sermons delivered nine; prayer meetings four; families visited seven; conversions five.

Submitted,

ELDER J. R. NESMITH.

The report of the Executive Boards called for, same was read and adopted.

We your Executive Board beg leave to report as follows:

Amount on hand last report	$23 78
Receipts during the year at Union 1st District	4 75
Receipts during year at Union 2nd District	3 50
Total	$32 03

CHURCHES.

Bethsaida	$ 5 00	Duncan Creek	$ 10
Harmony	8 00	Cane Creek	53
Newsom Springs	2 85	Valley Grove	5 00
Spring Hill	1 35	Riverton	1 50
Bethleham	5 00	Cherokee	3 00
Shiloh	5 75	Pilgrim Rest	2 05
Collected on Sunday	6 58	Big Bear Creek	6 20
Evening Shade No. 1	3 00		
Total			$55 91

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

W. A. Wethebee	$ 1 00	Miss Rebecca Finney	$ 25
Elder R. T. Wear	2 50	J. A. Bradford	1 00
B. G. Hardin	1 00	J. J. Berry	2 00
L. L. Daily	1 00	F. D. Bolding	1 00
J. K. Bolten	1 00	E. A. Berry	1 00
M. W. Daily	1 00	W. W. Nesmith	1 00
Elder J. W. Jones	5 00	Mrs. P. G. Nesmith	50
J. M. Douthitt	4 00	A. L. Moody	5 00
J. T. Clement	1 00	J. R. Nesmith	5 00
W. M. Whitlock	5 00	M. L. Jones	3 00
Mrs. N. C. Agee	2 50	Elder W. A. Agee	5 00
F. M. Jackson	5 00	W. J. Bragwell	2 50
B. H. James	2 50	M. J. Pace	2 50
O. E. Comstock	2 50	W. C. Summers	5 00
Cash on Subscription	2 50		
Total			$73 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

To J. W. Jones for minutes	$ 3 00	J. W. Jones	$ 20 00
J. M. Douthitt	20 00	W. M. Whitlock	20 00

DISBURSEMENTS—continued.

J. R. Nesmith	13 00	W. A. Agee	10 00
F. M. Jackson	20 00	M. L. Jones	13 00
J. S. Stockton	15 00	W. C. Summers	20 00
J. M. Douthitt	2 58	J. W. Jones as Clerk	10 00
Expenses to Decatur			
Total disbursements			$166 58
Receipts			161 16
Deficit			5 42

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. BOLDING, Chmn.

The call for Pledges and Contributions resulted as follows:

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Bethsaida	$ 2 50	Bethleham	$ 5 00
Burleson	5 00	Cherokee	5 00
Cane Creek	5 00	Evening Shade No. 1	3 00
Duncan Creek	5 00	Harmony	5 00
Newsom Springs	8 00	Mt. Pisgah (paid)	2 80
Pilgrim Rest	3 00	Pleasant Hill	2 00
Riverton	5 00	Salem	5 00
Shiloh	3 00	Valley Grove	5 00
Tharptown	5 00		
Total			$74 30

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

J. T. Chenault	$ 1 00	J. S. Stockton	$ 2 50
W. M. Whitlock	2 50	W. L. Andrews	1 00
B. G. Hardin	4 00	J. M. Douthitt	5 00
Mike Finney	1 00	M. J. Pace	2 50
M. P. Malone	1 00	J. W. Rikard	1 00
J. P. Franks	50	T. O. Johnson	1 00
W. H. Herd	1 00	Henry Gargis	1 00
J. D. Bullington	1 00	H. R. Berry	1 00
J. M. Whitlock	1 00	M. L. Jones	1 00
W. J. Bragwell	1 00	W. L. Pounders	1 00
Sister N. C. Agee	1 00	Emma Agee	50
Alice Agee	50	Mrs. S. A. Chenault	50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES—continued.

Mrs. S. P. Franks	50	S. J. Daily	50
M. A. Johnson	50	M. L. Prescoat	50
Mrs. Susan Jones	25	Dora Jones	25
A. J. Pounders	1 00	M. N. Chenault	25
M. A. McCuller	50	J. D. Daily (paid)	25
Emma Copeland	25	Mrs. S. E. Douthitt	2 00
Ida L. Douthitt	1 00	R. P. Douthitt	1 00
Sister M. J. Taylor	50		
Total - -		- - - - -	$45 00

Individuals that pledged to raise corn or cotton on so much land and give the proceeds for Associational purposes.

Sister N. C. Agee, half acre of cotton; J. F. Herd, half acre of corn; W. L. Andrews, half acre of corn; W. J. Bragwell, half acre of corn; J. E. Bolton, half acre of corn; W. P. Daily, half acre of corn; Henry Gargis, half acre of cotton; William Prescoat, half acre of corn; J. D. Thorn, half acre of corn; Bricy Ledbetter, fourth acre of corn.

The Association went into the selection of a place for its next meeting, Burleson and New Friendship was in nomination, on the second ballot Burleson was selected as the next place of meeting of this Association.

The election of a preacher to deliver the annual sermon, resulted in the choice of Elder W. M. Whitlock, and Elder W. A. Agee as Alternate.

CORRESPONDENCE RETURNED.

Muscle Shoals Association to convene at Moulton Friday before the first Sunday in October 1894: Elders W. A. Agee, W. M. Whitlock, J. W. Jones, M. L. Jones, J. T. Chenault, B. Ledbetter, F. M. Jackson, J. M. Douthitt.

Tombigbee Association: J. D. Thorn.

Florence Association: J. F. Herd, J. T. Chenault, F. M. Jackson.

Baptist State Convention: W. A. Agee.

Southern Baptist Convention: J. S. Stockton.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Burleson Church Saturday before the second Sabbath in October, 1894, after

singing a hymn, and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Elder W. A. Agee.

ELDER W. M. WHITLOCK, Moderator,
Ingleton, Alabama.

ELDER J. W. JONES, Clerk,
Spruce Pine, Alabama.

Two Trustees appointed to fill the place of those of one year, whose time had expired for the High School at Danville, are as follows: W. A. Agee, J. R. Nesmith.

Twelve Reasons Against Liquor Traffic.

(selected.)

BY THE CLERK.

Twelve reasons against the use of liquor:

1. Alcoholic liquors are the standing dread of every good mother, the constant fear of every thoughtful father, and the horror of every wife, by destroying peace and happiness.

2. It makes ninety per cent. of the business of the criminal courts, and causes immense expenditure of money to prevent crime.

3. It deprives men of their reason, putting out the fire on the home hearth, and condemning wives and children to hunger, cold and rags.

4. It makes ninety per cent. of the pauperism for which the tax payer has to pay taxes to support.

5. It upholds vice; drunkenness means theft, robbery, arson, forgery, murder, and every conceivable crime.

6. It bars the progress of religion and civilization, and is at the bottom of all the political corruption of the country.

7. It causes thousands after thousands of murders, and is the right hand to the gambler, pugilist, thief, vagrant and politician.

8. It prevents reformation of character and renders abortive the strongest resolutions, and is answerable for frauds and embezlements by men of trust.

9. Every year it sweeps hundreds upon hundreds of men and women from decency and respectability, to the lowest state of vice and crime. It destroys body and soul.

10. It educates in all kinds of wickedness for gain, and destroys all self respect and sense of shame.

11. It shackles all good intentions, and is like a ball and chain to reform.

12. This rum fiend is undermining our institutions and destroying our country. May the Great God releive us of these enemies, may rum go down, and prohibition come up from every quarter of the globe until the rum fiend shall darken no more the dear homes of our beautiful land.

Elder J. M. Jones, Clerk.

First District Union Meeting.

The Union Meeting of the First District of the Big Bear Creek Association.

Convened according to previous appointment on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1893, with Duncan Creek Church. Introductory sermon by Elder J. S. Stockton. Text: I. Corinthians. 3: 21-23, followed by Elder J. W. Jones. after which we had one hour intermission for dinner and recreation.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The house called to order by Elder J. W. Jones, the former Moderator, and opened services by singing. and prayer. The Moderator appointed James T. Bolding temporary Clerk, the old one being absent, also Elders A. J. Preston and J. S. Stockton, reading Clerk.

Letters were called for, read and delegates names enrolled as follows:

Hurrican Creek Church—P. E. Miller.
New Friendship—W. P. Bragwell and J. T. Dillard.
Burleson—Bricy Ledbetter and Elder J. W. Jones.
Harmony—Elder J. S. Stockston and J. T. Bolding.
Duncan Creek—Elder's W. A. Agee, J. N. James, A. J. Williams and F. M. Jackson.
(Without letters) Shiloh—W. A. Wetherbee and A. P. Bolding.
Mt. Pisgah—C. E. Hamilton.
Salem—M. J. Pace, and J. W. King.
Union Hill—B. H. James.

Correspondence—None.

Visiting brethren—A. J. Preston and J. O. A. Pace, from Muscle Shoals Association.

On motion went into a permanent organization: Elder J. W. Jones, Moderator; James T. Bolding, Clerk.

COMMITTEES.

On Devotion—J. T. Bolding, W. A. Agee, J. N. James, A. J. Willis, F. M. Jackson and W. L. Andrews.

On Documents—M. J. Pace, C. E. Hamilton and J. T. Dillard.

On Literature—J. E. Miller, Bricy Ledbetter and W. L. Andrews.

On Temperance—J. S. Stockton, W. A. Weatherbee and A. P. Bolding.

On Destitution—W. A. Agee, B. H. James and J. S. Stockton.

Sabbath-schools—W. A. Weatherbee, J. W. King and W. L. Andrews.

Committee on Devotion reported as follows:

Brother Miller to preach to night at 7:30 o'clock. Brother A. J. Preston, to-morrow at 11 o'clock a.m. Brother A. J. Preston was allowed a few minutes to deliver a lecture, on the subject of Baptism. he did justice to the subject and honor to himself, followed by Elder's Stockton and Jones.

On motion adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 a.m. Prayer by W. A. Agee.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Union met according to adjournment, prayer by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

REPORTS CALLED FOR ON LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature make the following report: First, of all we recomend the Bible the revealed word of God. next as helps the Literature Published by the Southern Baptist Convention, headquarters at Nashville, Tennessee. Also the Literature of the National Baptist Publishing Company at St. Louis, Missouri. As journals we recommend the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Alabama. And the American Baptist published by D. B Ray, St. Louis, Missouri. The Foreign Mission Journal published at Richmond, Virginia. The State Quarterly published at Marion Alabama. Also The Home Mission field published at Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. E. Miller.

After being discussed by Elder's Agee, Stockton and Preston, it was adopted.

On Temperance which was read as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to make the following report: We will not undertake to describe the evils of intemper-

ance, for it would take several large volumes to contain the evil of this dreadful curse, but we are glad to state that the Christains of all denominations are making a desperate efforts to end this evil, and Baptist's are not behind in this move.

J. S. STOCKTON, Chmn.

After being discussed by Elder's J. S. Stockton, J. O. A. Pace, A. J. Preston and J. W. Jones, the report was adopted.

On motion the body adjourned until 1 o'clock p.m., for preaching, Brother Preston being sick, Brother J. S. Stockton filled the stand, Text found in Paul's epistle to Titus 2 Chapter 14th Verse. After preaching had dinner, and spent quite a pleasant time with the good brethren, sisters and friends around Duncan Creek Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resumed business at 1:30 p.m.

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution make the following report: There is a great deal of Destitution in the bounds of our Association that is destitute of Baptist preaching, and we your Committee hope there will be something done or some plan devised to send the true Gospel into every destitute place in the bounds of this district.

Respectfully submitted.

W. A. AGEE, Chmn.

And after being discussed by Elder's Agee, Stockton, Jones and Preston, it was adopted.

REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

Brother M. J. Pace to preach to night at 7:30 p.m; Brother W. A. Agee to-morrow at 11 a.m; J. W. Jones to-morrow at 1 p. m.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents make the following report: On examination of the letters we find four churches reported by letter and three by delegates without letters, and four Sabbath-schools.

Respectfully,

Read and adopted. M. J. PACE, Chmn.

On motion, we went into the selection of the place for the next Union, which resulted in Harmony, Franklin County Alabama.

Elder W. A. Agee to preach the introductory sermon, J. W. Jones Alternate.

QUERRIES.

What should be done with a Missionary Baptist minister or pastor who holds open communion in his church? Answer. If he be young in the cause, he should have the faithful advice of the older minister? If he should continue in the practice, he should be deciplined by the church.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved: That we suggest to our Association, that the Missionary Board appoint one minister to preach in the bounds of this Association all of his time. Second. That every member of our Association be urged to give all they can for his support.

J. S. STOCKTON.

Resolved: That we tender our heart felt thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends, of Duncan Creek Church and vicinity, for their kindness shown us during our stay among them.

J. S. STOCKTON.

A Sabbath-school mass meeting to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock a.m., Brother's J. S. Stockton, J. T. Bolding and J. W. Jones to make speeches.

On motion, the Union adjourned to meet with Harmony Church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July 1894. Prayer by J. S. Stockton.

JAMES T. BOLDING
Clerk.

ELDER J. W. JONES,
Moderator.

SUNDAY MORNING.

We met at 9 o'clock in a Sabbath-school mass meeting. Opened by reading and prayer by the Moderator.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

The report was read by the Chairman, W. A. Wetherbee, and was discussed by Stockton, Jones and Bolding. Adopted. Had a few minutes refreshment, the stand was filled by Brother W. A. Agee, who preached the funeral sermon of Sister M. J. Goines, the wife of Brother J. M. Goines, to a large concourse of people, after which a collection was taken up for missions; amount $4 15.

JAMES T. BOLDING, Clerk.

Second District Union Meeting.

Minutes of the Union Meeting held with Bethel Church, Colbert County, Friday and Saturday before the third Sabbath in July, 1893.

The annual sermon was delivered by Elder F. M. Jackson. Text: 1st Corinthians, 3: 11.

After a short recess the Union was called to order by the former Moderator, F. M. Jackson and J. K. Bolten, as Clerk: Prayer by Elder J. O. A. Pace. The Moderator appointed G. D. Daily and T. M. Johnson, reading Clerks.

Letters from the following Churches read and delegates names enrolled:

Crooked Oak—Elder's F. M. Jackson and T. M. Johnson

Cane Creek—Elder N. R. E. Johnson and J. H. Franks.

Evening Shade No. 1—J. E. Bolten, A. J. Rikard and R. T. Landers.

Newsom Springs—Elder J. Miller, G. D. Daily and J. L. Rikard.

Bethel Church—(without letter) Jos. Dhority. C. H. B. Simpson and H. H. Rikard, received as delegates.

The election of Moderator and Clerk resulted as follows: Elder F. M. Jackson, Moderator, and J. K. Bolten, Clerk.

The order of business as in the minutes of our last Association, adopted to govern this body.

The Moderator appointed the following committies:

Devotion—Brother G. D. Daily, with the delegates and pastor of Bethel Church.

Documents—J. M. Cheathem, Jos. Dhority and Elder N. R. E. Johnson.

Sabbath-schools—Elder's T. M. Johnson, Jacob Miller and J. H. Franks.

Temperance—G. D. Daily, W. M. Dhority and J. A. Huff.

Destitution—Elder's T. M. ohnson, N. R. E. ohnson and J. A. Huff

Essays—Elder Jacob Miller, J. E. Bolton, A. P. Rikard and S. B. Greenhill.

Literature—J. A. Huff, G. D. Daily and Elder F. M. Johnson.

Correspondence received from First District—Elder W. A. Agee. Willie Agee and Elder W. L. Andrews.

Muscle Shoals—Elder J. O. A. Pace.

Returned correspondence to First District—Elder F. M. Johnson, J. E. Bolton, A. P. Rikard and Willie Dhority.

DEVOTION.

Committee on Devotion reported as follows:

Elder J. O. A. Pace, to preach Friday night, Elder Jacob Miller to follow. Elder W. A. Agee to preach Saturday at 11 a.m., and F. M. Johnson to follow. After prayer the Union adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 8 o'clock. Friday night the stand was filled by Brother Pace, his text was John 3: 16.

SECOND DAY.

Saturday morning met persuant to adjournment, prayer by N. R. E. Johnson. Detained letters called for, one from Little Bear Creek read and delegates names enrolled—J. M. Cheathem and J. A. Huff, also Brother S. B. Greenhill and S. J. Simpson, from Cherokee Church.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Report on Sabbath schools read and adopted, after being discussed by several of the brethren.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance made its report and same was discussed by Brethren T. M. Johnson, W. A. Agee, J. O. A. Pace, after which said report was adopted.

By motion, further business was dispensed with until 1 o'clock p.m., to allow time for preaching. The stand was filled by W. A. Agee, text, Acts. 16: 30, followed by prayer by Brother Pace.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment, after a hymn, and prayer by Brother Jacob Miller, the committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows: Brother Jacob Miller to preach to night, followed by Brother F. M. Jackson, also Brother Jackson to preach Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m.

DOCUMENTS.

We, your Committee on Documents, beg leave to make the fol-

lowing report, to-wit: On examining the different letters from the churches, only three report Sabbath-schools. We also find that Little Bear Creek asks for the next Union meeting.

Report of Committee adopted.

DESTITUTION.

We, your Committee on Destitution make the following report: We find destitution in the West end of this District, also between Cherokee and Riverton, and between South Florence extending to Davis' Cross Roads. There is destitution at one County Poor House and vicinity. Respectfully submitted,

Report adopted G. D. DAILY, Chmn.

LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature would report first, the Bible, and as helps the literature published by our Southern Baptist Convention, head quarters now at Nashville, Tennessee. The Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Alabama, and Baptist Standard, published at Waco, Texas. Adopted.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

As your Sabbath-school Committee, we fully appreciate the work of the Sabbath-schools, and feel that all our churches should have a Sabbath-school. We therefore urge upon parents to take greater interest in the Sabbath-school cause and to promote an interest among the children to attend. Respectfully submitted,

Jacob MILLER, Chmn.

ESSAYS.

We, your Committee on Essays, assign the subjects named to the brethren as herewith. Elder F. M. Jackson, the subject of sanctification 1st Thess 5: 23. F M. Johnson, the subject of justification by faith, Romans 3: 5. J. M. Douthitt, the subject, what is the difference between the Church and Kingdom.

S. B GREENHILL, Chmn.

QUERRIES.

Querry No. 1. Has a pastor the right to claim pastorial care of a church, and neglect to serve them? Answer. He has not.

Querry No. 2. What should a church do with a Baptist Minister who fails to hold a restricted communion? Answer. If he be young in the cause, and does so for want of experience, he should have the

faithful advice of the older ministers, should he persist in holding to open communion, he should be deciplined by his church?

RESOLUTIONS

Resolved; That the Delegates composing this Union appreciate, and will ever cherish with fond recollection, the kind hospitality extended to them by the good people of Bethel Church and vicinity, while in their midst, and ever pray that the blessing of God to rest upon them.

Fraternally submitted,
G. D. DAILY.

The next meeting of this Union will be held with Little Bear Creek Church, Colbert County, on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in July, 1894, and the annual sermon to be delivered by Brother N. R. E. Johnson, Brother F. M. Jackson, Alternate.

The meeting adjourned, after reading the minutes, singing a hymn, and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Brother J. A. Huff. To meet as above stated.

J. K. BOLTON,
Clerk.

F. M. JACKSON,
Moderator.

SERVICES

The Devotional Committee appointed a Sabbath-school mass meeting, to be held at 9 o'clock Sabbath morning, and conducted by Brother J. O. A. Pace.

The stand was occupied at 11 a.m., by Brother F. M. Jackson, his text was, Acts 16: 30, followed by Rev. N. R. E. Johnson. At the close of the service a collection was taken up by the Executive Board amounting to $3.50, and at 3 o'clock p.m., the stand was occupied by Brother J. O. A. Pace.

J. K. BOLTON,
Clerk.

Name and Address of Ordained Ministers.

Of Big Bear Creek Association, 1893.

W. A. Agee,	Russellville, Ala.
J. M. Douthitt,	Tuscumbia, Ala.
J. S. Stockton,	Pleasant Site, Ala.
J. W. Jones,	Spruce Pine, Ala.
W. C. Summers,	Littleville, Ala.
F. M. Jackson,	Russellville, Ala.
B. G. Hardin,	Fordton, Ala.
W. M Whitlock,	Ingleton, Ala.
T. M. Johnson,	Russellville, Ala.
J. R. Nesmith,	Avoca, Ala.
N. R. E. Johnson,	Mountain Mills, Ala.
A. J. Sherrill,	Spruce Pine, Ala.
B. H. James,	Russellville, Ala.
J. E. Miller,	Burleson, Ala.
J. D. Thorn,	Burleson, Ala.
F. D. Newell	Spruce Pine, Ala.
M. L. Jones,	Leighton, Ala.
M. J. Pace,	Russellville, Ala.
H. Shoemaker,	Riverton, Ala.

ELDER J. W. JONES,
Clerk.

Statistics of the Big Bear Creek Baptist Association for 1893.

Churches	County	Pastor	Clerk	Clerk's P. O.	Membership last reported.	Increase by				Decrease by				Present Membership	Sunday Schools		Preaching	Prayer Meeting	Revival	Minute Fund	Pledges	Pastor's Salary	Church Property
						Baptism.	Letter	Experience	Restoratism	Letters	Exclusions	Erasure	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils							
Bethsaida	Colbert	M. L. Jones	T. E. Fore	Looling	80	9	4		1	11				84			3		1	$ 35	$ 2 50		
Bethlehem	Colbert	J. R. Nesmith	C. M. Whitlock	Saints	93	14	4		3					125			2			60	5 00	$20 00	
Burleson	Franklin	J. W. Jones	J. R. Weatherford	Burleson	90	3	1			11				83			1			1 90	5 00		$ 300 00
Bethel	Colbert	N. R. E. Jonhson	W. M. Dhority	Tuscumbia	36	1	2							36			3			50			
Cherokee	Colbert	J. M. Douthitt	Samuel Greenhill	Cherokee	137	12			2	6	5		1	113			3			60	5 00	24 00	500 00
Crooked Oak	Colbert	T. M. Johnson	W. H. Bendall	Russellville	73	15	3			11				93	3	35	1			1 50			
Cedar Creek	Franklin	B. G. Hardin	T. B. Strickland	Fordton	12	5	1						1	18			3			40			
Cane Creek	Colbert	J. M. Douthitt	M. A. Keeton	Mountain Mills	45					3	1		1	40						1 00	5 00		
Evening Shade No. 2	Franklin	J. O. A. Pace	Jessie Yocum	Russellville	42								4	36									
Evening Shade No. 1	Colbert	W. A. Agee	J. K. Bolton	Daily	83				1	4				80	2	35	2			1 00	3 00		150 00
Duncan Creek	Franklin	W. A. Agee	W. J. Agee	Russellville	164	4	1			7	2		1	160				1		1 00	5 00		250 00
Dismal	Franklin	T. D. Newell	M. V. Taylor	Spruce Pine										39									
Harmony	Franklin	J. S. Stockton	J. T. Bolding	Pleasant Site	57					10	2	6	1	44	10	45	4			1 50	5 00	44 00	500 00
Hurricane Creek	Franklin	J. E. Miller	A. J. Jackson	Jedo										10			1						
Little Bear Creek	Colbert	N. R. E. Johnson	L. L. Daily	Tuscumbia	99	5			1	7	1		2	95						1 00			
Mount Pisgah	Franklin	J. W. Jones	John McCrary	Spruce Pine	83					8	3			72			2			1 00		10 00	100 00
Newsom Springs	Colbert	J. M. Douthitt	G. D. Daily	Dug	180	2		2		8	5		3	154			1			75	8 00		
Pilgrim Rest	Colbert	W. C. Summers	R. C. Matlock	Littleville	96									77						50	3 00	7 10	
Pleasant Hill	Franklin	F. M. Jackson	A. L. Pounders	Isbell	25	2	2		2					30	5	40	4			1 00	2 00		
New Friendship	Franklin	J. S. Stockton	T. C. Hargett	Bellgreen	33	10	10			1			1	51			2			1 00		35 00	300 00
Riverton	Colbert	W. M. Whitlock	Thomas Griffiths	Riverton	61	1	1	2			2			41	6	35	3			1 50	5 00		400 00
Salem	Franklin	W. C. Summers	R. H. Long	Russellville	20									20			2				5 00		130 00
Shiloh	Franklin	D. McClung	J. B. Hardin	Fordton	58	12			3	11	4			66	5	25		1		1 30	3 00		100 00
Spring Hill	Franklin	V. S. Sherrell	Thomas Watson	Spruce Pine	9	8	6		7					30			1						
Mount Zion	Franklin	B. H. James	W. A. James	Russellville	13		2							13			1			50			
Valley Grove	Colbert	J. R. Nesmith	H. T. Callender	Leighton	61	8	1	1	1					64			3			50	5 00		
Tharp Springs	Colbert	M. J. Pace	G. W. Stout	Stouts Store	52									52			4			1 00	5 00		
Ebenezer	Colbert	J. O. A. Pace	C. P. Campell	Russellville	35	2								35						45			
Total					1737	113	38	5	21	98	25	6	15	1764	31	215		2	1	$20 85	$71 50	140 10	2,336 00

Name of Churches Received from other Associations: Tharp Spring Church, from Muscle Shoals Association.

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